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Mr. Edward J. Bauser
Executive Director
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
Congress of the United States

Dear Mr. Bauser:

This is to inform the Joint Committee of the present status of the
efforts of Dr. Robert A. Conard, Medical Department, Brookhaven
National Laboratory, to carry out the annual Medical Survey of the
Marshallese Island people who were exposed to fallout from the
"Bravo" test detonated on Bikini Atoll on March 1, 1954. Hereto-
fore we have informed the Joint Committee of the medical team's
findings shortly after their return each Spring. This year,
however, many of the Marshallese did not volunteer for physical
examinations and the routine clinical tests.

The enclosed Staff Report recounts briefly the events in the Trust
Territory of the Pacific Islands which led to this situation and
subsequent developments which seem to have reestablished the
Medical Survey.   BEST COPY AVAILABLE

The Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research (DBER) has
cooperated closely with the Territorial Offices of the Department
of Interior on this matter, exchanging information and messages.
DBER therefore is able to provide much more detailed information
should it be desired. If present arrangements are changed in any
significant way DBER will promptly notify the Joint Committee.

Sincerely,

(Signed) S. G. English

General Manager

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